

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

### COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL

### CITY OF AMARILLO

On this day of February 7, 2012, the Animal Control Board of the City of Amarillo, Texas, held a regular quarterly scheduled public meeting at City Hall, Commissioner's Chambers, at 11: a.m., with the following members in attendance:

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VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT TODAY	NO. MEETING HELD APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
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Mrs. Tracy Dougherty	Yes	2	2
Mrs. Robin Clark	No	0	1
Ms. Jena McFall	Yes	1	1
Mrs. Natalie Harrison	Yes	2	2
Mr. Benjamin Pollard	Yes	2	2

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NON-VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT TODAY	MO. MEETING HELD APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
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Mike McGee, Director Animal Control	Yes	2	2
Shannon Barlow, Asst. Director Animal Control	Yes	2	2
Vicki L. Covey, Division Director of Community Services	No	0	0
Deree Duke, Director Environmental Health	Yes	2	2

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#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rose Marie Lomeli, Recording Secretary, Allison Gray, Raymond Chavez, Brad Hill

Also, in attendance were the following:

Andrea Soliz, Deborah Hall, Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society, Robin Cupell, Texas Panhandle Pet Savers, Russell Anglis, Amarillo Globe News, Dr Brian Eades, City Commissioner

Tracy Dougherty, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. and established the quorum.

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

Tracy Dougherty asked for a motion for approval of minutes on November 15, 2011, motion made by Natalie Harrison, seconded by Sunny Hodge-Campbell.

ITEM 2: Presentation and Discussion by the City Attorney's Office on Advisory board responsibilities under the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Marcus Norris, City Attorney, discussed the Texas Open Meeting Act and distributed packets to each member the six key concepts of rules and regulations of being a board member, website video to obtain certificate and training manuals which are state required.

ITEM 3: Orientation by the Director of Animal Control on the responsibilities of the Animal Control Board.

Mike McGee, Director of Animal Control, stated that up until about 2006 the Animal Control Board was utilized as an advisory committee to over look different ideas and suggestions brought up by the public. The Board was also in charge of deeming a dog dangerous. Now Animal Control makes that decision, which saves a lot of time and resources. Now the board receives recommendations from the public, Animal Control does the research, and the board presents it to the City Commission.

ITEM 4: Presentation and Discussion by the Director of Animal Control on current departmental issues.

Shannon Barlow, Assistant Director of Animal Control, stated that she and Mike went to Austin, TX in early December to see how the no kill shelter worked. The shelter in Austin has a huge amount of resources, volunteers coming in all the time, 3 veterinarians on staff, a staff of 97, and a hospice program for cats. Mike then said that the City of Amarillo does not have a budget to go to a no-kill shelter- Austin has a budget of \$10 million, while Amarillo only has a budget of \$1.5 million.

Mike then updated on things at the shelter, adoptions are up, return to owners are up, reclaims are down, euthanasia totals are up. There is a new program with Texas Panhandle Pet Saver where animals that are surrendered are not immediately euthanized. Mike also stated that there are plans in the making to remodel the Humane Society and to be open maybe one Saturday a month. The trap/neuter/release program will be presented by Robin Cupell of TPPS to the Public Board of Health sometime in April 2012.

ITEM 5: Presentation and Discussion by the Executive Director of the Amarillo Humane Society on current issues.

Andrea Soliz, Director of the Humane Society, stated that the December and January adoptions were up, and that the out of town adoptions were also up due to the Adoption Option, and their foster care programs are being restructured.

Tracy Dougherty adjourned the meeting, the next meeting will be held May 15, 2012.

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Mrs. Tracy Dougherty, Chairperson  
Of the Animal Control Board

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Rose Marie Lomeli, Secretary of  
Animal Control Board